

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, claims 8, 9 and 11-15 were allowed, claims 1, 2 and 5-7 were rejected, and claims 3 and 4 were identified as containing allowable subject matter. In response thereto, the subject matter of claim 3 (and intervening claim 2) has been incorporated into claim 1, to place the claims in condition for allowance. Original claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled.


In the event that this Amendment is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance, a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith to prevent abandonment of the application.

Favorable consideration of the claims, and allowance thereof, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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